Community Health Centers Advisory Group

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The Community Health Centers Advisory Group oversees the competitive grant award process developed by the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS) for Montana's community health centers to enhance access to primary and preventive care for Montana residents. The group recommends projects to the DPHHS that it considers appropriate for funding within the guidelines of the program's requirements. Though the advisory group's recommendations are not binding on the department, if a recommendation is not followed, the DPHHS must provide the reasons for rejecting the recommendation.

<u>Membership</u>

The advisory group must represent all geographic regions of the state and consist of nine members appointed as follows:

- two members appointed by the Governor;
- two members of the Montana House of Representatives appointed by the speaker, each from a different political party;
- two members of the Montana Senate appointed by the president, each from a different political party;
- one member designated by the Montana primary care association; and
- two executive employees of Montana federally qualified community health centers, each designated by the Governor from a list of names provided by the Montana Primary Care Association and one of whom must be a chief financial officer.

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